

DM-552

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 18 March 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Gen. Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Col. White,
Messrs. Sheldon, Kirkpatrick, [redacted]
[redacted] Messrs. Kent and [redacted]

Mr. Dulles:

b) Stated that in view of the present situation in the Middle East and the inadvisability of his making a trip [redacted] at the present time he has decided to forego the Southern trip he had planned commencing March 30.

c) Noted that on Saturday he had had a telephone call from Senator Symington concerning the revised intelligence estimates on the Soviet Bison aircraft. He stated that he was preparing a letter to Symington in which he desired to give as full information as possible on a non-classified basis and asked that Messrs. Kent, Sheldon and [redacted] get together with him later in the day to review this letter.

d) Requested [redacted] to send a cable to our various field stations where Vice President Nixon has visited to find out who of our people have been in touch with the Vice President and a report of what has been said in any such contacts.

e) Discussed a meeting he had in Mr. Herter's office on Saturday at which Gen. Cutler and Reuben Robertson were present for the purpose of discussing NSC 5412. Mr. Dulles read aloud the memorandum for the record which he had dictated subsequent to this meeting and noted that he wanted us to dispatch as quickly as possible our replies on the Killian Committee report. He asked Mr. Kirkpatrick to pursue this and gave Mr. Kirkpatrick the memorandum for record after he had read it.

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General Cabell:

25X1 Mentioned that he had received another letter from
25X1 [redacted] who had previously been
25X1 recommended by General Bedell Smith and considered for a position
25X1 here. At the time he was originally considered we did not have
25X1 a suitable opening and General Cabell wondered if perhaps there
25X1 were not now an opening available. [redacted] stated he knew
25X1 [redacted] well and considered him an excellent man. It was
25X1 decided that he and Gen. Cabell will discuss the possibility of
25X1 [redacted] being employed on [redacted] staff. The
25X1 possibility was also considered that [redacted] might be a good
25X1 candidate to head up [redacted] in the event [redacted] retired.

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Mr. Wisner:

Stated he was sending up to DCI's office a State Department guidance paper on Indonesia, parts of which disturbed him considerably. DCI noted that he would be looking for it and would read it carefully.

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Advised that Dr. Killian will be in town Thursday, 21 March, and wishes to go into the Bison aircraft situation thoroughly and would also like to have a refresher briefing on the estimating procedures. Mr. Kirkpatrick noted that arrangements to brief Dr. Killian on these matters had been set up for Thursday afternoon.

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